

# MORE SOUTH AFRICANS BITTEN BY MORAL REARMAMENT

## THE "SOLUTION" THAT SOLVES NOTHING

JOHANNESBURG.

**A**MONG the South African delegates to the recent Moral Rearmament conference held in Lusaka were seven Afrikaans students from the University of Pretoria, a South African judge: Mr. J. C. Claassen, Q.C., and some Africans: Dr. W. Nkomo, of Pretoria, and Mr. Bennett Ncwana, described as an African Minister from Port Elizabeth.

Other South Africans who took part in this conference were a South African housewife from Johannesburg and Miss Mina Soga, president of the African Women's Congress.

Dr. Nkomo, the well-known Pretoria African medical practitioner, spoke from the conference platform and described himself as one of the founders of the African National Congress Youth League. "I was keen to see it become militant even to the extent of bloodshed," he said. "I started African

youth on the wrong road. Tonight I want to say that I am sorry, because that will never bring us a new world.

"We have come here to Lusaka to find the idea which will set the 150 million Africans south of the Sahara on the good road. We need something electric, something more revolutionary, something that starts in our hearts and can move the entire world."

### A MIRACLE?

Dr. Nkomo said, referring to his participation at the Lusaka conference together with seven students from Pretoria University: "It is a miracle seeing us standing here together. There is an old saying that there is always something new coming out of Africa, and here we are demonstrating that new thing.

"I had always thought that Afrikaners should change, but then I realised that the much bigger problem was how I could get changed. I did change and Moral Rearmament is responsible for it. That is why I stand here with students of Pretoria University. When I bought a bible in Afrikaans my wife could see that change was coming along fast."

One of the students, Mr. Nico Ferreira, chairman of one of the Pretoria branches of the Nationalist Party, said in his speech that he was going back to tell his colleagues that in Moral Rearmament lay the "means of solving our political and other problems in South Africa."

### UNION SUPPORTERS

Mr. Joe Chapman, vice-president of the Baking Employees' Union of Johannesburg, told the conference that he and Mr. R. Bennett, the union secretary (who is a member of the Labour Party) had pledged to fight for the idea of Moral Rearmament and that it was moral rearmament that had led to the calling off of a strike in the baking industry and the success of arbitration proceedings.

One man (from the movement) "came to live in my house and some went to talk to the bosses. They showed us what was right instead of who was right. We agreed to go to arbitration and the strike was called off. The agreement lasted 12 months."

Mr. Bennet Ncwana, of Port Elizabeth, is a well-known electioneering character. Amongst candidates against whom he has tried to use his influence for Native Representatives are Mr. Sam Kahn and Mrs. Margaret Ballinger. In Mrs. Ballinger's last election in 1948 Mr. Ncwana openly supported the Nationalist candidate.

Participants in the conference from other African territories were a Kenya settler and a member of the Kenya Coffee Board; Mr. Godwin Lewanika formerly a president of the Northern Rhodesian African Congress but defeated at the last election; a Native Commissioner from Salisbury; a Dutch Reformed Church Minister from Lusaka and an Indian member of the Kenya Legislative Council.