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NATAL WITNESS

DEATH OF DR. NKOMO

PRETORIA—The first African to be appointed chairman of the South African Institute of Race Relations — Dr. William Nkomo—died early yesterday.

Dr. Nkomo had a heart attack soon after returning home from the conference on accelerated development which ended in Johannesburg on Saturday.

Dr. Nkomo had been actively associated since 1950 with the work of Moral Rearmament in Africa, Europe, America and Asia. Dr. George Daneel, chairman of Moral Rearmament in South Africa said in a statement yesterday.

Addressing the 25th anniversary conference of Moral Rearmament at Caux, Switzerland last year, Dr. Nkomo said:

REVOLUTION

“There was a time when I felt driven to bloody revolution as the answer to the problems of South Africa. But when I saw the change in the lives of White South Africans I felt it was the answer for our country, and I turned from planning bloody revolution to the greater revolution of a change of heart. In Moral Rearmament I saw White men change, I saw Black men change, and I changed.”

In Africa, in addition to the Southern countries, he worked with Moral Rearmament in Egypt, Nigeria, Ghana, Zaire, Congo-Brazzaville and Kenya.

Last year he led a delegation of 20 South Africans, Black and White, who were invited to present a programme in the cities of Northern Ireland. He conferred with Prime Minister Lynch in Dublin.

He recently went to India to open the Asian Conference Centre for Moral Rearmament at Panchgani.—Sapa.