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HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.—Mr. Etienne Malan, United Party M.P. for Orange Grove, yesterday expressed his shock at the Government's ban on a Moral Re-Armament film.

He told me of his dismay after the Minister of the Interior, Senator De Klerk, had told him at question time in the House of Assembly that the film, "Men from Brazil," was prohibited in terms of a section of the Entertainments (Censorship) Act of 1931.

This section empowered the Censorship Board to ban a film which it considered to show, in an offensive manner, "scenes containing reference to controversial or international politics" and "scenes of intermingling of Whites and non-Whites."

Mr. Malan told me: "This is a Christian film, made by a movement that is strongly anti-Communist.

"It is an excellent film, I understand, and has been well

received in many parts of the world.

"One of the reasons given for the banning is that the film portrays Whites and non-Whites intermingling.

"I wonder whether the Minister would ban a film of the Synod of the Dutch Reformed Mission Church, where White and Black meet together."

News by G.E. Shaw, Press Gallery, House of Assembly, Cape Town.