

EUROPEAN TRADERS URGED TO BOYCOTT INDIAN FIRMS

S. Africa creating own downfall, says dominee

“SYMPATHETIC” European traders are to be asked not to do business with Indian wholesalers in the Union, according to a unanimous resolution taken on Saturday at the conference of the “Northern Cape Committee for the Indian Problem,” says a report in the Nationalist Press today.

It is stated that the committee undertook to trace such European traders and to ask them to stop dealing with the Indians.

It was also decided to request teachers and teachers' associations to encourage children not to buy from Indians.

The conference was attended by Afrikaans churches, agricultural and farmers' associations, women's church associations, cultural societies, schools and other bodies in towns in the Northern Cape.

One delegate is reported to have said that Indians get between 80 per cent. and 90 per cent. of their income from Europeans.

MORAL REARMAMENT

He said Indians encourage their European customers to buy on credit. A European would owe an Indian as much as £500.

The idea behind this was quite clear. If Indians were threatened with removal under the Group Areas Act they would issue summons against the European creditors.

Ds. J. du Plessis, of the Gereformeerde Kerk, Hartswater, is reported to have said that the Europeans in South Africa were creating their own downfall by supporting the Indians.

He said the Indian population was increasing so fast that in 10 years' time many of them would be unemployed. They would have to be “kept by the Government.”

According to the report Moral Rearmament was also attacked as “apparently innocent but really being promoted by the Communists.”