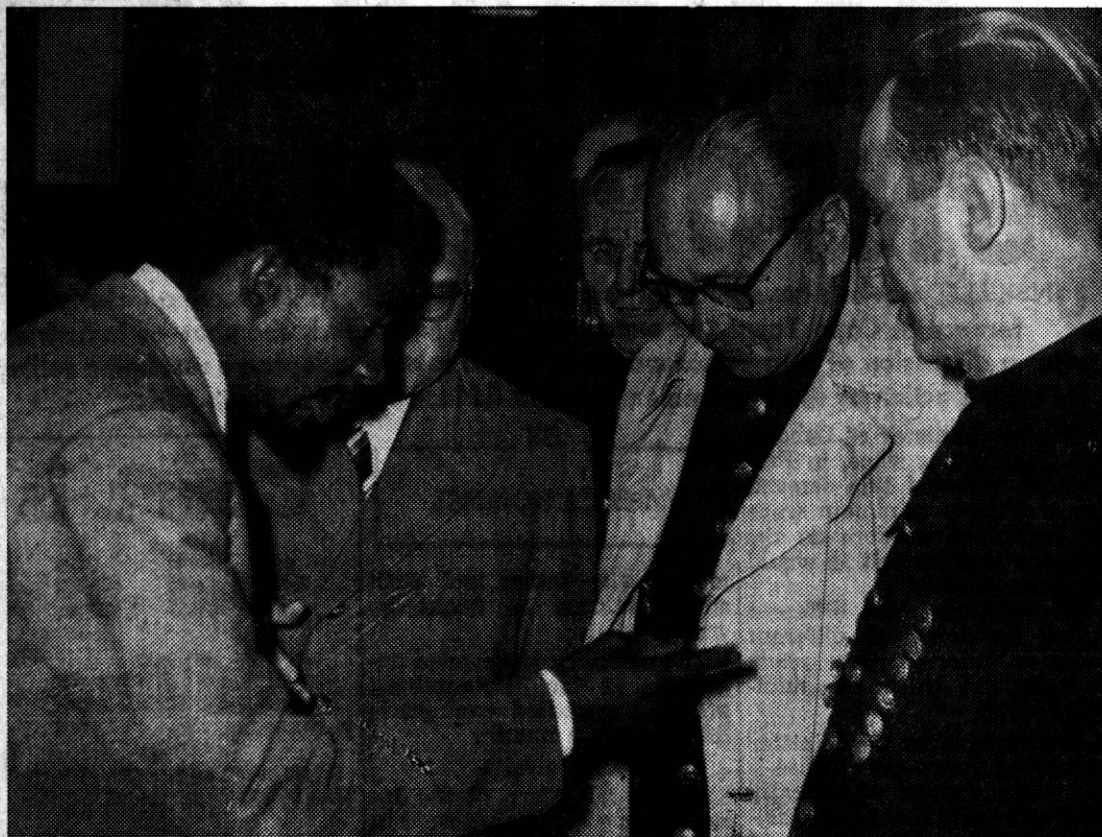


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A party of visiting German miners are seen at the offices of The World, being questioned by a reporter on

their ornate costumes. The German miners are part of a Moral Rearmament team

which will tour Africa. The costumes the men are wearing date back to about 200 years.

NOTHING TO LOSE IN THE TRANSKEI

BY M. MOERANE

Today the Transkei is in effect a fifth province of the Republic which is predominantly inhabited by black people for historical reasons. Here, then we shall have a Black Administrator, Provincial Councillors and all.

"It may be that the Transkeians will even include white people in their personnel. That should be up to them. After all, they are drawing up their own constitution.

"Blackmen are ordinary men, and given the further incentive of new powers, the Transkei should develop by leaps and bounds. New brooms sweep clean.

"The only snag I see is about the representation of these people in the Central Government. I would have expected that now there should be no problem in getting the blackmen of the Transkei representing their province in the House of Assembly and the Senate in Cape Town.

"If that cannot be done, then the Transkei must have an independent state; with a real Parliament and not just a Provincial Council.

"My advice is this: Politics is the art of the possible.

The government has opened the door for negotiations; also

for give-and-take. Nobody knows what the final picture will look like, neither the government nor the African.

"Two years ago who would have thought the Transkei would be today on the verge of self-government?

"Raise all the practical difficulties you see and challenge the government and the Transkeians to find the answer, but do not be just fanatically negative.

"I for one differ with Chief Matanzima when he says that the way of separate development is the only way for South Africa. Most Africans who accept this self-government will not share his opinion on this point; and if the majority differ with him, he too will change on the point.

These things will be made clear in the next few weeks as public opinion makes itself felt.

Let us get on with the job now. The government has given us something tangible, and we have nothing to lose.