

Unity With Friends in the Commonwealth

Dr Colin Steyn Outlines S. Africa's Position

DURBAN, Tuesday.
AN APPEAL BY DR COLIN STEYN, M.P., leader of the United Party in the Free State and chairman of the union congress, for racial unity in South Africa and for the strengthening of the bond of unity with South Africa's Commonwealth friends and with Great Britain, was made at the Natal United Party congress in Durban today.

Dr Steyn said: "I am going to say things today which, if you had told me 50 years ago I would say, I would not have believed, but I say sincerely and in the interests of South Africa and of the welfare of the South African people, that the cornerstone of our policy should be co-operation and mutual goodwill between our country and Great Britain in the first place, and the Commonwealth in the second place."
Stating that he believed that the Free State and Natal between them were destined to save South Africa, Dr Steyn said: "We have got to prevent this country from relapsing into two racial camps, hostile and bitter to one another."

among other things, is sound. In these things that we stand for we differ very widely from the Nationalist Party.

CO-OPERATION

"We must do everything in our power to maintain that co-operation and harmony with the British people, who are playing such a great part in world politics at this time."

"It must not only be a question of lip service, but of sincerity. We must act in such a way that we do not embarrass our friends in Britain or make their job more difficult." — SAPA.

GREAT DESTINY

"We are not going to allow that dreadful calamity to overtake South Africa and we in the Free State are going to help you to prevent that from happening. We have got a great destiny and South Africa is literally in our hands."

When it was realised what difficulties had been surmounted in the past, the United Party had every reason for optimism.

"Our policy of toleration, understanding and goodwill,

Assaulted Baby Son

STEYTLERVILLE, Tuesday. — A 29-year-old European was found guilty in the Magistrate's Court here yesterday, on two counts of Assaulting his three-year-old son.

He was sentenced to a fine of £20 or two months' imprisonment suspended for three years provided he is not found guilty of a similar offence in that time.—SAPA.



The picture on the left shows Dr H. F. Verwoerd, Minister of Native Affairs, addressing a meeting of the Baralong at Thaba 'Nchu yesterday afternoon. Dr W. W. M. Eiselen (left) accompanied Dr Verwoerd on a tour of Native trust areas earlier in the day. On the right, Dr J. S. Moroka, welcoming Dr Verwoerd.



Agitators and Natives

Minister Issues Warning

(By A Staff Reporter)

THABA 'NCHU, Tuesday. — A warning against agitators, some of whom were Communists and some who were known by other names, aiming to make the Natives dissatisfied, was given today to a gathering of the Barolong tribe by the Minister of Native Affairs, Dr H. F. Verwoerd. This was the first occasion on which a Minister of Native Affairs visited Thaba 'Nchu. The meeting was not well attended. It was also attended by Dr W. W. M. Eiselen, Secretary for Native Affairs.

The Native people could not live by dissatisfaction alone, he said. A people would only get ahead if it wanted to be peaceful and contented. The Government desired the Native to be bappy in his area and the European in his.

When the Bantu worked in European areas they would not be able to expect the treatment and facilities they received in their own areas. When Europeans came into Native areas they would be there to help the Natives to prosper.

PROSPERITY OF BOTH
Europeans and non-Europeans

Alleged Tampering With Crown Witnesses

Bail Refused at Murder Inquiry in Swaziland

MBABANE (Swaziland), Tuesday.

THE PREPARATORY EXAMINATION of an allegation of murder arising from the death of Mrs Vera May Hewett (53), a wealthy English widow, whose charred body was found on July 25 on a burnt bed on the verandah of her home at Wisselbrode, Hlatikulu district, where she had lived alone on a cotton farm, was resumed in the Mbabane Court today before the District Commissioner, Mr J. M. Fannin.

Appearing at the examination are Oskar Hans Helmuth Steffen (40), a storekeeper, of Wisselbrode, his wife, Ise Marie Anne Agnes Steffen (41), and a Native, Mafuta Ngcampalala.

Captain R. D. Halsall is leading the evidence. Mr I. Steinberg represents the Steffens. Ngcampalala is not represented. An application for bail on behalf of the Steffens, heard in chambers yesterday before Mr J. M. Fannin, Deputy Resident

Asked by Mr Steinberg, for the Steffens, if the Crown case alleged ritual murder, Captain Cooper said it was possible that it did. To all purposes it was, but it was difficult to say because it was possible that the flesh was removed to pretend a ritual murder had been committed.

The case was adjourned until today.—SAPA.

Smuts Ideal of Unity

Strauss Calls for Dedication

DURBAN, Tuesday. — A call to the nation to dedicate itself anew to the achievement of General Smuts's ideal of a united people, was made today by the leader of the United Party, Mr J. G. N. Strauss, in a special commemorative message on the first anniversary of General Smuts's death.

The message read: "Today, a year ago, General Smuts was called to his rest. For more than 50 years the Colossus had trodden the South African scene, a leader, a hero, a wise and kindly man and often in the darkest as in the brightest phases of recent history, his counsel and power had held sway in the affairs of the world, now General Smuts, one of the greatest of our times, was no more."

"Many millions of people, in Africa as in other parts of the world, paused at the news in momentary silence."

DEEP GRIEF

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