

AmaHlubi Board of Control Draws In More Sectors

THE AmaHlubi Board of Control met recently to draft a constitution. The Board has been spearheading the community's attempts to claim land in the Estcourt District. Interesting and far reaching changes about the composition and operation of the Board were put forward. Among these were that:

- all sectors in the community should be represented on the Board. These sectors are women, youth, tribal council, the church and izinduna. There will also be general community representation
- regular community meetings will be held to ensure there is community participation in decision making

The draft constitution is being discussed in the community and meetings with the sectors have been arranged.



Chief Langalibalele of the AmaHlubi. It was during his time that the AmaHlubi lost their land.

Land claim submission sent to ACLA

The AmaHlubi land claim, involving some 90 000 hectares of land in the Estcourt District has been sent to ACLA. The Commission has not yet set a date for the public hearing, at which representations may be made.

The Amahlubi claim is the largest single claim being made in Natal.

Crimen Case Goes To Court



Mr Andries Hadebe of Crimen has asked the court to return his land.

MR Andries Hadebe, an 81 year old former Crimen landowner, has brought a supreme court application to get back his land. Mr Hadebe's land was expropriated, along with that of other Crimen residents, 15 years ago. The expropriation was part of the government's policy of 'black spot' removal. Mr Hadebe and the families of 99 other title holders were forcibly removed to Ezakheni, a township under KwaZulu.

The expropriated land was left to lie unused for 11 years after the expropriation. Then, it was sold to a Mr Derek Dreyer, now dead.

Mr Hadebe in his application says that the correct procedures were not followed in the expropriation. The government therefore never got title to the land.

The government has indicated that it intends opposing Mr Hadebe's application. Their answering affidavit will be lodged on September 30 1992.

Other families who were expropriated are awaiting the outcome of Mr Hadebe's application with keen interest. Mr Hadebe's test case, if successful, could involve further claims on some 623 hectares of land at Crimen.

Mr Hadebe, himself has also shown interest in the proceedings of ACLA hearings in Natal. He attended the public hearing at Charlestown recently, to hear former Charlestown residents argue their case for return of their land.