

KWA-ZULU GOVERNMENT WILL TAX ZULUS.

Zulus may be taxed about R5 from next year. Chief Buthe said: "If we cannot bleed ourselves for our own upliftment, no one will bleed for us."

BLACK BANK TO BE FORMED.

A black bank has been formed which will help in the uplifting of the African people.

(Isisebenzi gives a report on the opening of this Bank elsewhere in this issue).

Banks have always been important in the development of a country. The money which people deposit in a bank is lent out by the bank to businessmen to build factories and shops.

We can see how the Afrikaans people became wealthy through opening a bank called Volkskas. At one time most Afrikaners were poor. They found it hard to get loans from the English Banks. So they started their own bank - Volkskas.

This bank gave loans to Afrikaners who wanted to open a business or build a factory. In this way many Afrikaners were given the chance to become wealthy.

The Black people have always had great difficulty in raising money. It is almost impossible for a black person who wants to buy a shop or build a factory to borrow the money from a bank.

So to help the growth of black owned factories and business a black bank will be opened. It will lend money to black people. And it will also, like other banks, be a safe place to keep one's money.

Isisebenzi urges workers to support this new Black Bank.

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BLACK BANK

Last Sunday 1000'S of people responded to the call by Chief Gatsha Buthe for donations to help start the African Bank. The Chief who was also the first to donate money was speaking at a meeting organised by the Inter-Denominational Africa Minister Association. For hours people came forward with sums of money ranging from 50cents to R10 or more. Every person who came forward was given a warm handshake by Chief Gatsha who commented afterwards, "I feel very emotional about what my people have done today". We in Isisebenzi agree fully with these sentiments as expressed by the Chief. This will be the very first bank to be established and run for and by the Black people in S.A. From the manner in which the people to the call for help, we are sure that the bank will be a great success, but its success depends solely YOU; without your support your bank cannot exist. People in the Pmb. area should contact Rev. E. Sikhakhano, Edendale Ecumenical Centre.

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BUS INCREASES

Many people must have heard about the proposed increase in bus fares with great shock. As one worker said to one of our reporters "why is it that the poor have to carry this burden" He went on to state that African busses are always full and could not possibly be running at a loss & as it was always the white busses which were running half full, it seemed to him that the African busses were subsidising the white travellers.

Another worker complained that R1000's of was spent every year on new roads, robots and traffic policeman, all of which were needed to control the cars driven mainly by the rich. They didn't have to pay any increase to care for the roads year after year so why should the poor bus travellers be asked for more money?