

PRESS STATEMENT.

A Conference of Student Representatives from Non-white Universities, University Colleges, Seminaries, Training Colleges and other centres of higher learning, was held at Mariannhill for the purpose of looking into possibilities of extending contact among the respective centres. At the conclusion of this discussion the following joint statement was issued:

" Whereas we believe that;

- i) It is ideal that any country should have one Student National Student Organisation, and that,
- ii) Such an Organisation should cater for the interests of all the students in the country, nevertheless, we recognise that owing to circumstances beyond their control, students at some Non-white Centres are unable to participate in the National Student Organisation of this Country. And since we believe that contact among the Non-white Students so affected is of paramount importance, we regard ourselves as duty bound to examine all possibilities of establishing the necessary contact.

As a result of our discussions we have provided for the establishment of a Co-ordinating Body called the SOUTH AFRICAN STUDENTS ORGANISATION (SASO), which amongst other things shall serve to promote practical co-operation; represent Non-white Students at a National level, and bring about contact in general amongst SOUTH AFRICAN STUDENTS."

This Conference was held at Mariannhill as from the 1st of December to the 3rd of December