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RECORD BUDGET FOR KWAZULU

THE KWAZULU Legislative Assembly will apply for a record budget of R92 711,00 this year, with the greatest increases devoted to the Departments of Works and Education.

At the first reading of the 1975 KwaZulu Appropriation Bill in Non-goma this week details of the estimates of expenditure were announced.

This year's budget shows a R26,5m increase over last year's figure of R66,2m.

The largest single increase is R8m to build townships for the Department of Works. The total estimate of expenditure for the Department of Works is up from R32,7m to R46,9m an increase of R14,2m.

The Department of Education and Culture has applied for the next biggest increase from R12m to R18,5m. An estimated R14,8m will be used to subsidise community schools in KwaZulu an increase of R5m.

Contributions to the pension funds of this department will increase from R787 000 to R1,5m.

The Department of Community Affairs has applied for R17,6m, an increase of R3,8m.

The estimates of expenditure for the Department of Agriculture show an increase of R12m from R6m to R7,2m.

The Department of Authority Affairs and Finance has applied for R1,4m an increase of R716 810.

The Department of Justice has the smallest budget — R904 590, an increase of R27,090.

KwaZulu may call off detente talks

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THE KWAZULU Legislative Assembly is to consider withdrawing from future detente conferences with the Prime Minister, Mr Vorster, unless a list of major demands, in effect calling for the abolition of apartheid, is met by the South African Government.

In a motion to be debated later in the Assembly's session in Nongoma, Mr S. Z. Conco, of the Msinga Regional Authority, deplored the failure of the Prime Minister to grasp the full meaning, import and urgency of the warnings of the dangers and injustices inherent in the policy of separate development.

In his motion, Mr Conco says the detente talks in Southern Africa serve only to enhance the Prime Minister's statesman image and conferences in South Africa do not take in regard his lamentable failure to apply similar acts of statesmanship at home.

For this reason, he says, KwaZulu representatives should not in future participate in these indabas unless the South African Government:

- Reconsiders their refusal to go beyond the 1936 Land and Trust Act which sets out quotas of land that can be allocated to Blacks;

- Reviews their decision not to do away with the pass laws and influx control;

- Gives urban Blacks security of tenure;

- Either recognise Black trade unions or, better still, allows them to join existing trade unions;

- Acknowledges that all in South Africa shall in future be rewarded for the services on the basis of equal pay for equal work or takes a positive lead in that direction.

His motion also called for the repeal of the Job Reservation Act, compulsory free education for all children, an end to the detention of people without trial and that all South Africans be "accorded the protection of the rule of law".

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MORE POWER FOR

CHIEF GATSHA Buthelezi will soon have the right to appoint and dismiss members of his Cabinet.

An amendment to the Homeland Constitution Act will be referred to the State President for approval.

According to the constitution, any such amend-

ment can only be granted by the State President after consultation with the Minister of Bantu Administration and Development and the Legislative Assembly concerned.

In the session of the KwaZulu Legislative As-

sembly in Nongoma this week, the Commissioner General of the Zulus, Mr Henry Torlage, acting for the Minister, agreed to refer the proposed amendment to the State President.

At this stage, approval is considered a formality and it is likely that, within about five weeks, the amendment will have been written into the constitution.

Proposing the amendment, Chief Buthelezi said he was only seeking what was an accepted principle in any democratic country.

The Zulu nation had as much right to nominate its own Cabinet as did the South African Prime Minister, Mr Vorster.

The right to dismiss members of the Cabinet, who might prove an embarrassment to the Government, was also an accepted democratic principle, Chief Buthelezi said.

Transkei pledges to help peace

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CHIEF MINISTER Kaiser Matanzima of the Transkei has promised that his Government will leave "no stone unturned" to help Southern Africa on the road to lasting peace.

Speaking at the closing sitting of the current session of the Transkei Assembly, Paramount Chief Mantanzima said he and his Government would use the recess to do all in their power to help dialogue and detente.

He said that the border skirmishes to date, despite the tragic loss of life was, militarily speaking, still of low intensity and politically sterile and indecisive.

"Put bluntly, if Black and White are to settle their differences in battle the scale of operation will have to be enormously escalated," he said.

Chief Matanzima pointed out that this was what the Prime Minister, Mr Vorster, had meant when he said the alternative to

dialogue and detente "was too ghastly to contemplate".

"Black Africa and White Africa are face to face," the Chief said.

Each side could now either tear each other to pieces or they could meet — even if, initially, suspiciously and nervously — and get to know each other better and finally arrive at a compromise.

"I find it significant that Zambia, Botswana and Mozambique, all front-line countries in the Black-White confrontation and certainly no friends of the Republic, are the ones prepared to give dialogue a chance.

"Of course the economies of Zambia and Mozambique are in a

parlous state as a result of the blockade of Rhodesia and years of bush wars. Botswana cannot live without the Republic. If a violent solution to South Africa's problems is chosen, they would bear the brunt of the fearful war which must result.

"We do not want bloodshed," the Paramount Chief declared. "We do not want South Africa's economy ruined. Every day that passes sees us getting a bigger share in that self-same economy."

He said Black and White South Africans were moving towards significant agreement in a great many fields. "Don't rock our boat."

MATANZIMA BACKS DOWN ON THREATS

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By MARCUS NGANI

CHIEF MINISTER Kaiser Matanzima has backed down on his threat to close down and expropriate all the Anglican mission stations in the Transkei, saying he was provoked when he made the threat.

Speaking in the Umtata Legislative Assembly this week, the Chief Minister, however, warned that the expropriation move could be taken against Saint Bede's College in Umtata.

If that seminary continued to harbour students who disrupted peace and order, he said he would be forced to take action against it.

He pointed out that, in his statement to the House the previous day, he had made no reference to any expropriation move against the Anglican Church.

Admittedly this was contained in notes he had prepared before he delivered the statement.

The notes, including his threat to the Anglican Church, were later made

available to the Press, the Chief Minister explained.

"The notes were made under provocation but I did not utter the threatening words in this House when I read out my statement."

"I have great respect for the Anglican Church and I am certain that my Government would not go so far as to expropriate the mission stations in the Transkei.

"But we will do this to Saint Bede's if the authorities there continue to harbour students persistently disrupting peace and quiet.

"I want to stress that, as far as Saint Bede's is concerned, my Government will act firmly," the Chief Minister said.