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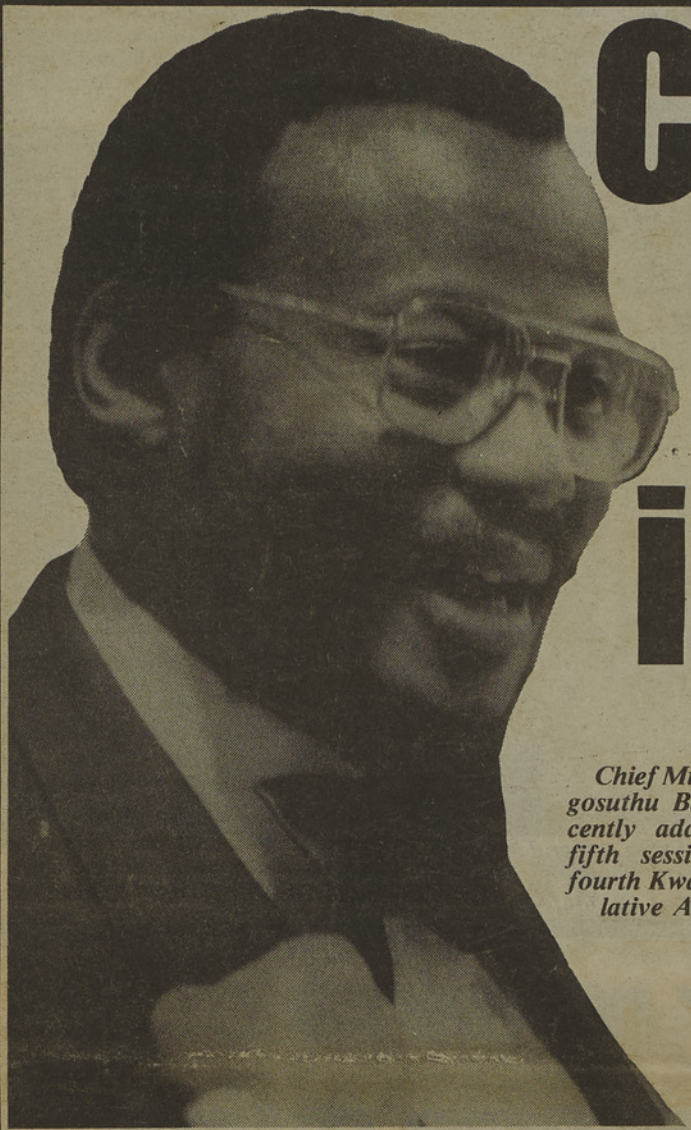
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Chief Minister lauds mining industry

Chief Minister Mangosuthu Buthelezi recently addressed the fifth session of the fourth Kwazulu Legislative Assembly.

Speaking at the opening of the fifth session of the fourth Kwazulu Legislative Assembly at Ulundi recently, Chief minister Mangosuthu Buthelezi said that the mining industry not only offered work opportunities for the young people of Kwazulu but also provided invaluable training and education to them.

"I make the point that mining is the backbone of South Africa's economic development. The people of Kwazulu should be there playing their part in the mines. If they do not do so they will not benefit from the technical training and job advancement which inevitably will be given to blacks to an ever increasing degree. The Zulu people of South Africa simply cannot afford to stand back while others enter the mines to be given the opportunity of improving their skills," he said.

He added that since his earlier encouragement to his people not to be hesitant to join the mines the number of Zulus working in the industry had increased. People were realising he said that the mines provided professional training for workers.

Chief Minister Buthelezi thanked Mr Bill Larkan, the TEBA manager of Kwazulu and Natal, for arranging a series of meetings with his staff and representatives to discuss employment opportunities. The Chief

Minister said that TEBA figures indicated there was a significant increase in the demand for Zulu workers on mines in recent years.

The Chief Minister quoted statistics on labour movements and payment made by TEBA in Kwazulu and Natal in the year 1986 which revealed that:

- * on a calculated basis of an underground worker earning an average of R458 per month and on our statistical figures showing that men in Kwazulu stayed an average of 12.05 months on the mine in an unbroken Agreements period, one can see that with the output of 28 599 for the area, the Zulus earned a figure of R157 180 104 in 1986.

ENTERTAINMENT

- * Bus fares and rail fares to and from mines are paid by TEBA and all medical services are completely free. In addition entertainment of nearly every kind imaginable is also provided without charge.

- * Accommodation and feeding, calculated at a minimum of R147 per month, is also free.

- * Many skills such as welding, electrical, mechanics and pipe and plate laying are taught and certificates issued by the mines. These are valuable assets even after having completed their time on those mines.

"When we talk about liberation, we must not only think about politics. Whatever we do to liberate South Africa from political oppression must include in it an awareness that real liberation will only be experienced when we are liberated from poverty, disease and ignorance. While we struggle for liberation now, we must prepare for the future.

"We must acquire the skills which we will need to take up our rightful place in a free South Africa," Chief Minister Buthelezi said.

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A R1-million programme has been launched by the South African Rugby Board to bring black players into the game and improve standards at junior and senior levels.

The project has been made possible by a donation from the Chamber of Mines, payable over a period of three years. It incorporates a South African provincial high schools competition, in which each team will feature at least eight black and/or coloured players, and a senior feeder provincial team competition on the same basis. At this level it is anticipated that in the Western Transvaal, South Eastern Transvaal, Northern Natal and Orange Free State, most of the blacks will be from the mines.

At the launch in Stellenbosch, Mr Kallie van der Golf of the Chamber's Gold Producers Committee, said the Chamber of Mines was pleased to assist the SARB "in the reform of our way of living in South Africa".

He added that the mining industry had thought that the labour resources of the country had not been used to its full potential in the past.

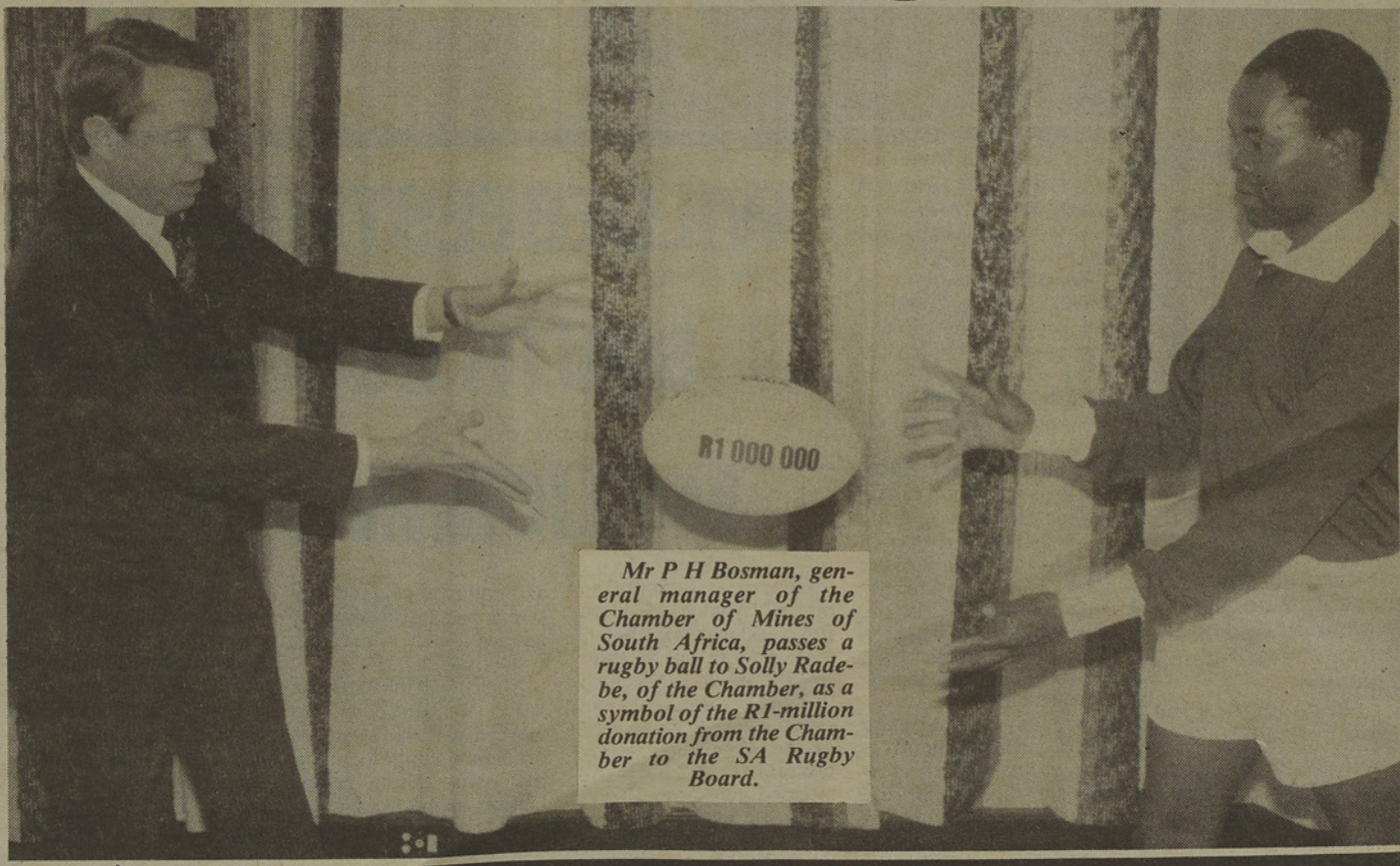
The industry had been busy for some time removing racial discrimination from the work place. He said that in certain sports, soccer as an example, they were far ahead of the business sector. Leaders in other areas can learn from rugby where the controlling body, the SARB, has taken the lead.

EXAMPLE

No one had set a better example than Dr Danie Craven who had led from the front, in real rugby tradition. It was therefore fitting that the first SA high schools project would take place at the Danie Craven Stadium in Stellenbosch. Young people of all racial groups were learning to play rugby together in these competitions and this was a step in the right direction Mr Van der Golf said.

He added that as most of the best senior black players worked on the mines he was sure the industry would lead the field.

R1-m for mixed rugby



Mr P H Bosman, general manager of the Chamber of Mines of South Africa, passes a rugby ball to Solly Radebe, of the Chamber, as a symbol of the R1-million donation from the Chamber to the SA Rugby Board.