

Mercury Reporter

IN AN EFFORT to provide negotiating machinery
- workers including Africans the Metal Box

'for all its
company of

South Africa has begun discussions with a mixed union
affiliated to the Trade Union Council of South Africa

(Tucsa).

This was revealed yesterday by the managing
director of the company,
Mr. Flemming Heilmann.
He was replying to

criticism by the secretary of the South African
Tinworkers Union,
Mr. D. Thambiran, who

said this week that Metal

Box had denied them

the most elementary

trade union facilities, "Â°

and had constantly re-
jected the union's pleas
to provide negotiating,
recruiting and shop order

- facilities."

Mr. Heilmann said:
"My company is certainly
against any measure
that would place any
obstacle in the way of
nationwide negotiating

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"machinery truly representative of our total
work force, which is employed in 13 plants in
South Africa and includes Whites, Indians,
Coloureds and Africans."

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. â\200\234We .are having ex-
ploratory discussions with-
a union which is-affiliated
to Tucsaâ\200\224a mixed union
-â\200\224which approached us a
few months back because

| they knew we were seek-

ing negotiating machinery
on a national basis.

â\200\234They: felt they could .
offerâ\200\231 effective, if not
registered, representation
for our African labour as
well, without in any way
contravening existing
legislation.â\200\235

The company was con-
tinuing " discussions with
this union, and progress
had been good.

The Tinworkersâ\200\231 Union
had, in spite of eorrespon-
dence and other forms of
contact, not been able to
demonstrate that its or-
ganisation could meet
their needs, said Mr. Heil-
mann,

It was incorrect to say -
that their stand was â\200\234in |
any way contrary to the
published House of Com-
mons Select Committee
Report, or indeed the
British Trades Union Con-
gress Report.â\200\235 :

not sought

UMTATAâ\200\224AIlthough his Government was anxious to replace White seconded officials in the Transkei public service with Transkeian citizens, it would always retain suitably qualified White officials for whom there were no replacements, the Clnef Minister of the Transkei, Paramount Chief Kaizer Matanzima, sa,ld here yesterday.

White officials had children and our devel-

played an important part -

in the development of the Transkei and were still doing so.

â\200\234The recent promise which the replacement of White (seconded officials) by Blacks in the Transkei Government service enjoyed in the Press has given rise â\200\230to

opment,â\200\235 he said.

â\200\234I wish, therefore, to assure all White teachers that my Government appreciates what they are doing.for the people of the Transkei and that they are welcome to stay inÂ° the Transkei until they voluntarily request a withdrawal.â\200\224(Sapa.)

widespread about the future of White civil servants, especially White teachers,

speculation |

in the territory,â\200\235 â\200\230the Chief Minister said.

: â\200\234It is therefore necessary to reiterate that the Transkeian Govern--ment, although it â\200\230is naturally anxious to â\200\230replace as many Whites as soon as possible with Transkeian citizens in its Government service, will always strive to retain the services of those White officials for whom there are no replace-

ments.

â\200\234The White officials
have played and are
playing a prominent
in the development of the
Transkei.â\200\235

TEACHERS

The Chief Minister
said it was a fact that
there were teachers and
other officials who could
not be replaced at this
stage and his Govern-
ment needed the services
of these officials.
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in secondary or high
schools from teacher
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