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No dialogue based on ^{Herald} ‘baasskap’, says Gatsha

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BLACK solidarity established by the Black Alliance had rendered the President's Council a dismal failure in its infancy, the alliance's chairman, Chief Gatsha Buthelezi, said in Port Elizabeth last night.

Chief Buthelezi, Chief Minister of Kwazulu and president of Inkatha, was addressing about 50 representatives from the Inkatha movement and the Labour and Reform parties at an alliance meeting.

He said the fact that no Indian or coloured "of any political clout" had joined the President's Council and Africans' refusal to serve on the Advisory Council were "successes we can proudly chalk on the side of our political credits."

His refusal to attend the Prime Minister's meeting of African leaders on August 8 had been a personal demonstration of the snowballing solidarity the alliance had forged, he said.

Referring to the President's Council, Chief Buthelezi said: "Every step of success we have taken in undermining the President's Council farce and engineering the withdrawal by the Government of the African Advisory Council, is a guarantee of our ultimate victory in the liberation struggle."

The success in obstructing the constitutional plans was a step towards a national convention, Chief Buthelezi said. But there could never be national dialogue based on "baasskap".

The Government's plans were based on a South Africa which was a white man's political stamping ground sprinkled with a few non-whites to fool its people and the world that South Africa had moved away from "baasskap".

But the President's Council itself was evidence that domination still motivated those who wielded power in South Africa, Chief Buthelezi said.

Bishops

reject

remark

by

Tutu

HERALD REPORTER

A suggestion by the sec-

retary-general of the

South African Council of

Churches, Bishop Des-

mond Tutu, that Jesus

legitimate, was rejected

by two Anglican Bishops

in Port Elizabeth yester-

day.

Both bishops said they

found it strange that the

remark had been re-

ported to have been

made by Bishop Tutu,

because it was contrary

to the Anglican creed

The Rt Rev Roy Cowdry,

Assistant Bishop of Port

Elizabeth, said that if

the report was correct, it

would be "erroneous

and strange doctrine"

which every bishop had

said that he would ban-

ish.

The Rt Rev Bruce Evans,

Bishop of Port Elizabeth,

says in a statement re-

leased yesterday that the

fact that Jesus Christ

was born of a virgin was

not questioned in the

teaching of the Anglican

Church.

"There may well be some

individuals who find dif-

ficulty with some of the

teachings of Scripture,

but the position of the

Anglican church in this

regard is very clear. We

stand firmly on the fact

of the virgin birth."

Bishop Cowdry said all he

knew of Bishop Tutu's

remark was what he had

seen in the Herald

yesterday.

The teaching of the church

was that Jesus was born

of the Virgin Mary

through the

overshadowing of the

Holy Spirit, he said.

"The Orthodox church re-

fers to the Blessed Vir-

gin as 'Theotokos,' that

is Godbearer, for we be-

lieve that Jesus was in-

deed the Son of God. Ev-

ery time we say the

creed we profess our

faith in this belief and I

find it difficult to under-

stand Bishop Tutu's re-

marks.

"When a man is con-
secrated a bishop in the
Anglican Church, one of
the questions put to him
is: 'Are you ready, with
all faithful diligence, to
banish and drive away
all erroneous and strange
doctrine contrary to
God's word, and both
privately and openly to
call upon and encourage
others to the same?'"

"What the Bishop is pur-
ported to have said is in-
deed erroneous and
strange doctrine."

Seeds
for

revolt

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OPPOSITION ROLE: 'TELL IT LIKE IT IS'

JOHANNESBURG. — Inflation was threatening South Africa's stability Mr Harry Schwarz, the chief Opposition spokesman on finance, said today.

Mr Schwarz, the Progressive Federal Party MP for Yeoville, told the party's Transvaal congress in Johannesburg inflation was causing widespread economic deprivation and revolutionary conditions flourished such circumstances.

The economy was booming, but the pensioners, the people in lower income groups, the working man and the housewife were being hard hit by inflation at every turn.

REVOLUTION

'When a society is economically deprived the seeds have been sown for unrest and revolution. By failing adequately to combat inflation the Government is playing into the hands of those who seek to bring about revolution.'

If the Government wished to avoid revolution it had to see there was no economic deprivation.

Mr Schwarz was speaking on a motion condemning the Government for its failure to take adequate steps to combat inflation which had caused hardship and distress to many sections of the community. The motion was carried unanimously.

PENSIONS

The congress also unanimously approved a motion calling on the Minister of Health, Welfare and Pensions to pay adequate pensions without discrimination and to take steps to ensure that all persons in South Africa belonged to a pension scheme.

Mr Alf Widman, MP for Hillbrow, said racial discrimination in the payment of pensions could not be tolerated.—Sapa.

Political Staff

THE Leader of the Opposition, Dr F van Zyl Slabbert, said today the East London North and Simon's Town by-election results had shown how difficult it was becoming for a relevant white opposition to survive.

He told the Transvaal provincial congress of the Progressive Federal Party that this struggle would become more intense and make even greater demands on members of the party.

The PFP's disappointment with the results was not that it had lost political possessions.

'You cannot lose what you haven't got. The disappointment lies in the fact that we did not show more progress than we did,' Dr Slabbert said.

A STRUGGLE

'But there is a deeper sense of apprehension about this. These results define the difficulty of the struggle for the survival of relevant white opposition politics. We must face this.'

In Zimbabwe and South West Africa the white opposition had gradually disappeared. This had impoverished the debate on constitutional alternatives and had contributed to increased racial polarisation.

In those countries the recipe for electoral success had been quite simple: 'Promise the white voter the impossible and you cannot go wrong.'

Dr Slabbert said the



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role of an effective opposition was to tell the white voter what he had to know — not what he wanted to hear.

The opposition's task was to tell voters to embrace change immediately, and not to wait for a time when the Government would be forced into reluctant reform.

Voters had to be told that a just and peaceful future depended on a negotiated constitution supported by representatives of all race groups.

Dr Slabbert warned against 'transparent attempts' to focus attention on 'so-called differences, factions and fighting issues' inside the PFP.