Native Views on Coalition.

Quite a remarkable reaction of non-European feeling against the S.A.P., and particularly against Dr. Abduraham, who is called a "traitor to his race," and whom they still refer to as the "mole." He was recently denounced in the "Workers' Herald," organ of the I.C.U., published on June 13 in anticipation of the change of masters on June 17. The National Party, for its own sake, would hardly be more loyal to the Government, and incidentally, the Transvaal is lauded as being twice as solicitous for coloured education as the Cape Province.

The African National Congress for its part had already passed a vote of no confidence in Smuts as Minister of Native Affairs a year ago last May, with a unanimous resolution urging the European voters to vote solidly for a change of Government.

This week we find a meeting convened by the "Cape African National Congress" at Capetown actually welcoming Hertzog's segregation policy, though how the same people can support "segregation" and also demand "representation in Parliament, equal pay for equal work, etc., is not easy to follow.

Whatever pledges from the new Government may have occasioned this rather "protective" mood it must be feared that the non-Europeans are destined to be disappointed once more, no matter how some of their leaders or politicians may console them.

The natives of South Africa have been so often let down by apparent champions that they will be singularly fortuitous if they can be saved from this time. Let them take warning from the treatment of Egypt, India and Ireland by even the British Labour Government. Our new Government is anything but a Socialist one, even the various (Yellow) "Socialist" Governments, let alone Nationalist Governments, which have come into power in recent years in Europe have shown a complete absence of practical sympathy with the aspirations of subject nationalities, and only the Communist Government of Russia has acted as a real liberator.

A rather more sensible view was expressed at a big meeting of coloured voters at the Capetown City Hall recently: "If the Pact is our enemy let us rather support an open enemy than a hidden one" like Smuts.

The nearest to a common-sense view is that put forward in the Workers' Herald" leading article: "We should always lie in opposition with our votes, and whenever we find a Government not playing the game with us, it is up to us to shout hard for its non-election. In any case, the I.C.U.'s election politics should not be allowed to interfere with its organising campaign or its crusade for "One Big Union" to embrace all the skilled and unskilled workers of the sub-continent and beyond" (note the last two words). The most far-reaching results come into view if this campaign and crusade, especially now that an African organised union of thousands and tens of thousands of the non-European workers.

affiliation of all genuine working-class parties. This is the right of propaganda and organisation, whilst still requiring a loyal acceptance of the decision of the representative conference.

We commend this decision to the South African Labour Party members.—(Ed.)

Australian Labour Party Conference.

COMMUNIST PARTY AFFILIATION DISCUSSING.

At the A.L.P. Conference, Mr. J. M. Baddeley, M.L.A., moved for the appointment of a committee of five, charged with the duty of endeavouring to find a solution to the difficulties that besetting the Labour Party and the A.L.P. is, of the opinion that the A.L.P. IS BROAD ENOUGH TO EMBRACE ALL PHASES OF WORKING CLASS THOUGHT, and that in view of the probability of early elections, both State and Federal, and the urgent necessity for all working-class parties cooperating with the A.L.P. to ensure that Labour Party and A.L.P. unity is preserved, the serious problem of unemployment, the chaotic financial position of the Commonwealth, and the extreme grave attacks which are being made on the position by the Executive in connexion with "all working-class parties" is to take place as detailed. The All Australia Trades Union Congress favours (Continued at foot of next column)