

6-255301

H. DUNCAN ABRAHAM

P. O. Box 3113, Johannesburg, South Africa.

Serial No. _____

DOPE SHEET

Date 9/8/59.

Story SOUTH AFRICA GIVES MORE POWERS TO AFRICANS.

Cameraman DUNCAN ABRAHAM.

Length 600 feet.

Location ZEERUST AREA TRANSVAAL SOUTH AFRICA.

Also covered by EXCLUSIVE.

Shot No.

Rx-pc.

STORY.

South Africa's answer to the general move in Africa for more independence for the Africans, took a step forward last week-end with two important functions in the Zeerust district in the Transvaal, where some months ago there was much Tribal violence and bloodshed. Now the six tribes in the 825 square mile area have agreed to amalgamate under one main authority with certain powers invested in it by the South African Government.

This authority is known as a Regional Bantu Authority, its members are all Africans, consisting of 20 members, these are made up by 6 Chiefs (one from each Tribe) and each chief has two councillors as members, then there are two additional members representing the South African Government, who are Tribesmen from the same area. One of the Chiefs is elected by the tribes as Chairman. The Regional Authority has jurisdiction in their area over such matters as Education, roads, Health Clinics, Water supply and general tribal affairs.

In this instance, five of the Tribes are Bahurutshe people and the other is the Ba-ga Maletse Tribe. The Bahurutshe has as their totem a Baboon, the Ba-ga Maletse's totem is a Buffalo.

The Chief to be elected as Chairman of the Regional Authority is Laurens Lucas who's father the Reigning Chief died a year ago and Lucas being the natural heir took his place, but had not been officially installed or crowned Chief until Saturday August 8th, 1959. Lucas is Chief of one of the Bahurutshe Tribes, and was elected Chairman of the Regional Authority by all Tribes concerned which together amount to a population of 28,000.

The film covers two ceremonies. The first being the Inauguration of the Regional Bantu Authority, which took place on Friday, August 7th, at Kalkpan about 42 miles from Zeerust. The second, being the Installation of Chief Lucas, at his village about 40 miles from Zeerust.

b-25701

SOUTH AFRICA GIVES MORE POWERS TO AFRICANS.

SHOTS.

NOTE.

As no shot by shot sequence was kept, a general description of the coverage is given, which can be recognised by picture.

ROLL NO.1.

1. Scene, the Inauguration at Kalkpan of Regional Bantu Authority. Shots cover general scenes. Mr De Wet Nel Minister of Bantu Administration addressing the Assembly, the African interpreter translating speech in Tribal language. Crowd scenes, general view of assembly, presentation of brief-cases to Tribal Chiefs, Councillors, by Mr C.B.Young, Under Secretary for Bantu Administration and Development, the brief cases are symbols of Authority and Responsibility. A Tribal singer of praises dressed in primitive tribal costume with leaf head dress praises the Minister. Tables are presented to the Minister and to Dr. Eiselen (Secretary for Bantu Administration), (probably bad shot). Childrens choir singing. (Tape recording of song).
After the ceremony the Tribal folk celebrate with a beer drink shots are shown of the large baked clay pots filled with Native made beer, which is being dished out to all, note the large beer mugs made from calabash.

ROLL NO.2.

2. Continuation shots of beer party, beer being ladled out, groups of women seated on ground with their beer, note the various containers filled with beer, they believe in quantity. C.U. man drinking beer. Various scenes at beer drinking party. Even young men from, what is called their Mountain school, return to the village to join the party. The Mountain school is a Tribal custom where young men reaching a certain age go in a group to the Mountains to fend for themselves, for several months, it is also connected with circumcision. During this training the participants are almost naked and are smeared from head to foot with a bright red substance and very shiny. When their so called schooling is over the youngsters are proclaimed men and can go out into the world. When these young men saw the camera they ran off, chased by cameraman. However later, one of the party was induced to pose for picture.

SECOND PART OF REEL.

INSTALLATION OF CHIEF.

Mr De Wet Nel (Minister of Bantu Administration) and party arriving at place of ceremony, they pass through a double line of school children and under a banner of the Tribal totem a "Baboon". A choir sings. General view of assembly, pan. (Ran out)

ROLL NO 3.

Repeat of pan general view of assembly.
Another view with upward pan.
Several scenes showing portions of the village and huts etc.
Crowd scenes.
Chief Lucas with his Councillors walk over to Royal Throne or chair.
Chief Lucas and his wife take their seats in centre of assembly.
The Minister (Mr De Wet Nel) delivers his speech.
Chief Lucas and wife on throne are seen listening to speech.
Finally the installation takes place and tribal Councillors gather round Chief Lucas as he is robed with the symbol of Royalty, a Leopard skin. The Chief and wife are seen with the Chief in his robe of office. There is a slow pan of crowd as they sing the African National anthem.