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13th March, 1940.

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Handwritten notes and signatures:
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Sir,

Re: ALLEGED INDIAN PENETRATION.

We wrote to you on the 23rd ultimo and forwarded certain resolutions and a declaration of policy. We have your acknowledgement dated 26th ultimo.

Since writing to you we have seen in the press a telegram dated 5/3/40 addressed by the Minister of the Interior to the Natal Indian Association. The contents of the wire has moved our Congress to make a statement to the press commenting upon the incorrectness of the Minister's contention.

We send a copy of this statement herewith for your information.

It is only fair that these view-points of the Congress both as contained in the declaration of policy, and in this statement be brought to the notice of the appropriate committee of your Council.

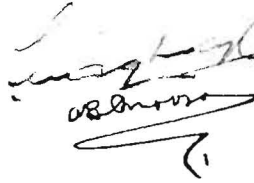
We are further to emphasize by repeating para "b" of the declaration of policy by our Congress on this question:-

"That the Natal Indian Association has not the right or mandate to speak on behalf of the Natal Indian Community, and that in the light of the terms of reference of the Joint Committee, the assurance tantamounts to the acceptance of voluntary segregation by the Indian Community. Further the establishment of the Joint Committee prejudices the issues to be enquired into by the proposed judicial Commission."

and to say that it is outside the province of a body such

as the Natal Indian Association to decide upon matters related to the rights of Indians to own and occupy property.

Yours faithfully,



JOINT HON. SECRETARIES.

