

divine calling to treat all men equal in their pursuit of reconciliation amongst us.

We believe that church leaders should call upon everybody concerned with us to assist in the arrangement of a public meeting in Lamontville at which the people

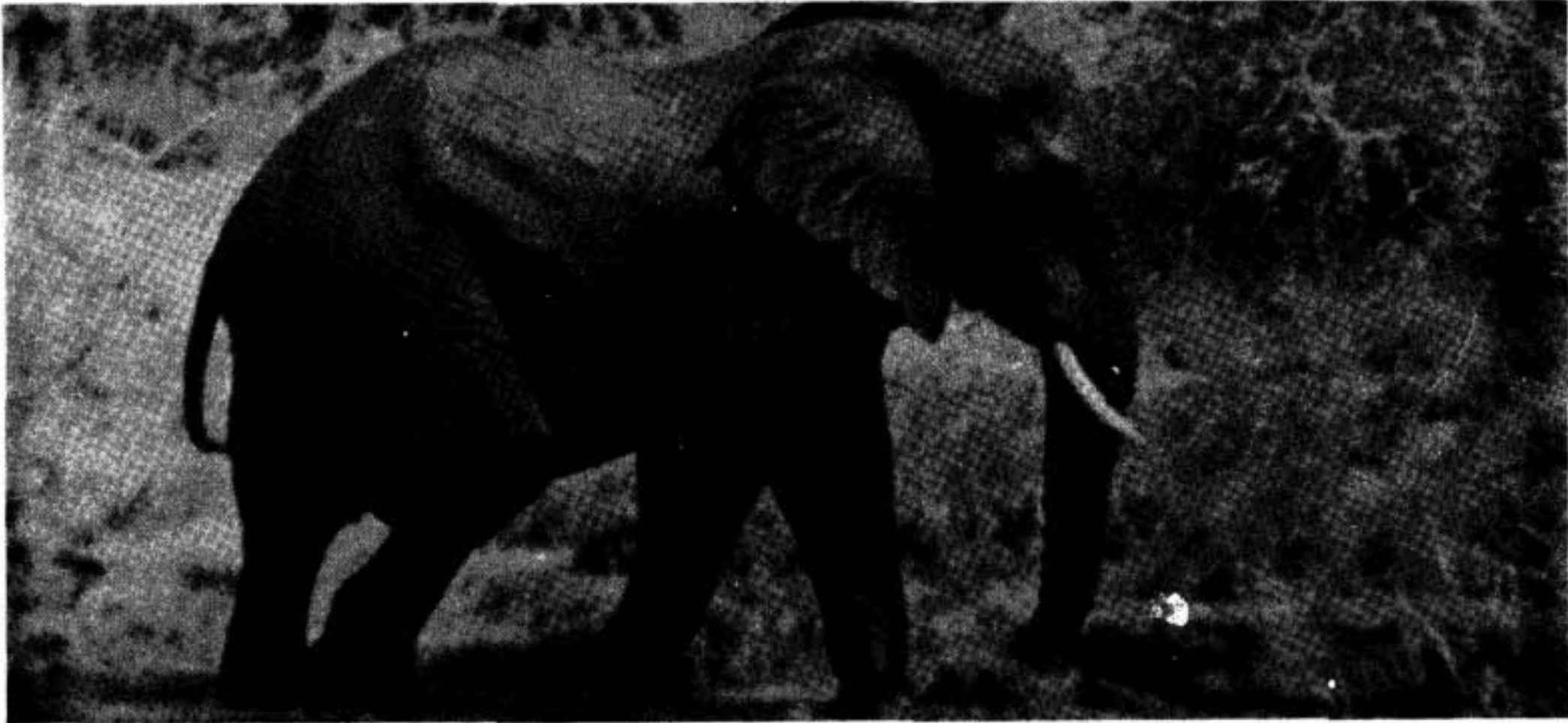
there can discuss their affairs without being terrorised by the followers and supporters of those who have turned to the employment of violence.

We the people at this mass meeting pass these Resolutions and express our deep and undivided

loyalty to the President of Inkatha and the Chief Minister of KwaZulu, and the reverence we feel for our King. Together we pledge to support him in his noble role of leading us in the struggle for liberation with our very lives if necessary.

# PROCLAMATION OF TEMBE ELEPHANT PARK

## News from the Bureau of Natural Resources



I have pleasure in announcing that in keeping with my Government's deep commitment to nature conservation, I have proclaimed an area of 29 000 ha in the Ingwavuma district as a game reserve to be known as the Tembe Elephant Park. A Government notice to this effect appeared in the KwaZulu Official Gazette on the 21 October, 1983 — Hon. the Chief Minister, Dr M.G. Buthelezi.

The Tembe Elephant Park is a mosaic of beautiful Sandveld forest woodland, grassland and swamp countryside, and is considered to be one of the last true wildernesses left in South Africa.

The sand forest not only houses a resident breeding herd of the last surviving wild elephant in Natal, but provides refuge for the largest Livingstone Suni population in South Africa.

*An electrified elephant proof fence*

is at present being erected and when completed will measure approximately 59 km. The fence is being put up not only to keep the elephant in, but to protect the local people living on the periphery of the park from crop raiders and any other damage to property which an elephant might inflict. It is due to be completed by 1985.

Setting up a new game park is a long drawn out process, but in keeping with the KwaZulu Government conservation policy that conservation development should take place through the homestead, the local people will eventually be able to partake in the financial fruits of this game park, thereby ensuring them a better quality of life.

Our conservation policies will succeed only if we have the full cooperation of the people and it is with this proclamation that a

precedent has been set by my government in cocurrence with the Tembe tribal authority for the future activities of conservation in KwaZulu. I would like to congratulate the Tembe tribal authority for taking the initiative and for having the foresight and courage to set aside this large tract of vitally important land in the interests of the conservation programme in KwaZulu. Apart from sharing in the revenue from the park, the Tembe tribal authority will have direct representation on the management board.

The park will as far as possible be developed so as to retain its wilderness character.

The wilderness is our natural habitat, for it is here where we were forged as a people and for this very reason we are setting aside conservation areas such as the Tembe Elephant Park for present and future generations.