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Other speakers included Imam Yussuf Crawley, of the Vrededorp Mosque, Mrs. Helen Joseph, Father Peron and Mrs. Ray Carter.

One speaker, Mr. Ismail Mayet, a member of the South African Indian Council, was heckled by some Moslems when he tried to speak.

"Traitors out . . . We don't want stooges . . . You have no shame," they shouted at him.

Finally Mr. Mayet was forced to withdraw.

At the end of the meeting the gathering sang "We Shall Overcome", and clenched fists were raised above hundreds of heads.