

## A NEW NEGRO LEADER IN AFRICA



**CHIEF TSHEKEDI** of the Bamangwato tribe in Bechuanaland, South Africa, is the type of New Negro leader that the black people everywhere need.

According to the English colonial laws; chiefs and native courts are not supposed to try or sentence white men. And yet this young chief sentenced a young white man, Phineas Mackintosh, to be publicly flogged because he was debauching and demoralizing the young women of the tribe.

His action has been universally applauded in England and even by the white people of South Africa, who are more prejudiced against Negroes than the meanest and most prejudiced whites in this country. Nevertheless, white supremacy had to be upheld, and an English admiral sent to investigate the flogging has suspended the young chief and banished him from his country.

"It appears that you are an extremely capable and good chief," said the white Admiral Evans, "able to deal with your people and lead them, but you admit flogging an European after judging him in your own court. Knowing full well that you had no legal right to do this and no jurisdiction, you have set a very bad example to your own tribe and to other chiefs."

It seems to us that Chief Tshekedi has set a very good example to his own people, to other chiefs and to Negroes throughout the world. We need many more leaders like this young man who, in order to protect his women, was ready and willing to defy the armed might, the laws and regulations of the great British Empire. True, he has been banished, but it is a glorious banishment, and his name should be written in gold letters on the scroll of history. Men who will not protect their women are beneath contempt.